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C O N F I D E N T I A L COPENHAGEN 0738

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EFIN, CI, DA

SUBJ: CHILE DEBT RESCHEDULING

REF COPENHAGEN 686 AND 611, SANTIAGO 1524

1. FONOFF UNDER SECRETARY JENS CHRISTENSEN INFORMED CHARGE AND ECONCOUNS MARCH 13 THAT GOVERNMENT, WITH CONCURRENCE OF SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARLIAMENTARY GROUP, HAD DECIDED EARLIER IN DAY NOT, RPT NOT, TO ATTEND PARIS CLUB MEETING LATER THIS MONTH. CHRISTENSEN SAID DECISION WAS PURELY POLITICAL AND BASED PRINCIPALLY ON FACT THAT U.K., ITALY, NETHERLANDS AND PROBABLY BELGIUM WOULD NOT ATTEND MEETING. WITH THIS LINEUP OF RE-
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FUSALS, DANISH GOVERNMENT FELT IT COULD NOT ATTEND EVEN

THOUGH MINISTERS REALIZED VALIDITY OF US ARGUMENTATION WHICH WAS SUPPORTED BY CIVIL SERVANTS, INCLUDING CHRISTENSEN.

2. CHRISTENSEN SAID HE VERY MUCH REGRETTED DECISION, WHICH HE THOUGHT "FOOLISH", BUT SAW IN IT LESSON FOR THE NEXT TIME. HE FELT THAT PROBELM MIGHT HAVE BEEN AVERTED IF DENMARK HAD ACCEPTED PARIS CLUB INVITATION IMMEDIATELY WITHOUT WAITING FOR POLITICAL FORCES TO WORK.

3. HE SAID HE HAD TOLD MINISTERS (THOSE OF FONAFFAIRS, COMMERCE AND FINANCE) THAT HE BELIEVED DECISION REQUIRED CLEARANCE OF FOLKETLING'S FINANCE COMMITTEE. HIS POINT WAS REJECTED BUT HE BELIEVES THAT, IF FINANCE COMMITTEE RAISES ISSUE IT COULD LEGITIMATELY DEBATE AND POSSIBLY OVERRULE GOVERNMENT DECISION. SINCE NEITHER FINANCE COMMITTEE OR BUSINESSMEN TO WHOM DEBT IS OWED HAVE YET RAISED ISSUE WITH GOVERNMENT HE WAS DOUBTFUL ABOUT ANY FURTHER ACTION.

4. COMMENT: WE GATHER THAT IF NO ONE PROTESTS THE GOVERNMENT'S DECISION IT WILL STAND AND DENMARK WILL NOT ATTEND THE MEETING. IN DISCUSSIONS EARLIER THIS WEEK AT HIS REQUEST WE HAD GIVEN CHILEAN CHARGE NAMES OF SEVERAL FOLKETING MEMBERS HE MIGHT WISH TO CONTACT TO EXPLAIN THE ISSUES FROM CHILE'S VIEWPOINT. WE WILL NOW BRIEF HIM ON THIS CONVERSATION WITH CHRISTENSEN. IT MAY BE THAT CHILE REP WHO IS EXPECTED TO VISIT DENMARK MAY ALSO HAVE AN INFLUENCE (SANTIAGO 1524)
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